Population – Sussex County Information

DEMOGRAPHICS - **Delaware CEDS Committee Notebook - 2006**
Sussex – Population

- Sussex County's population as of July 1, 2005 is 175,775, which is an increase of 18,302 since 2000. In the previous five-year period (1995-2000), the population increased by 22,889. The expected population in 2030 is 252,376.
- The population is currently growing by 2.2% per year, as compared to 3.2% per year in the period 1995-2000. The long-term annual growth rate since 1790 is 1.0% per year. Delaware is growing at an annual rate of 1.3%, and the states in the region (MD, NJ, and PA) are growing 0.6% annually.
- Two sources contribute to population growth-natural increase and net migration. Natural increase is the number of births in the state less the number of deaths. Net migration is the number of people who move into the state each year less those that leave the state. Currently, 92% of all population growth in Sussex County is from net migration.
- Sussex County is becoming more diverse, both racially and ethnically. In 1950, the county was 81% white. By 2000 that had fallen only to 80% and is expected to fall only to 78% by 2030. The county has an increasing Hispanic population. It has grown from 1,491 in 1990 to more than 8,400 today.
- The population of Delaware is aging, and Sussex County is no exception. In 1970, the 0-19 age group represented 38% of the county's population and those 65 and over comprised 11% of the population. By 2000 the youngest age group had grown by roughly 8,500. In contrast, the 65-and-over age group grew by 20,100. The percentages are now 25% and 18.5% for the 0-19 age group and the 65+ age group, respectively.
- As the population ages, the natural increase component of population growth falls, as deaths increase faster than births. Population growth becomes increasingly dependent on net migration, and by 2030 100% of population growth will have to come from net migration if current forecasts are to be realized. In addition, average household size will continue to fall.
- Population has been growing faster than housing units in Sussex County. From 1990 to 2000, housing units increased 2.3% annually while the population increased by 3.3% annually. This is possible in Sussex, because many of the new arrivals move into an existing vacation home. This, in turn, creates a demand to add new vacation homes for seasonal rentals.
- Sussex County's population growth rate is the fastest in the state. This growth is fueled in large part by migration. The overarching trend is retiree migration into the county. However, there is solid growth of the non-retiree age group. Collectively, these population trends will dictate the pace of development in the county. With additional population comes additional demand for goods and services, which will be a catalyst for future growth in the county.

- Population in Primary Market (within 50 miles) - 600,000 – *Land & Leisure, Inc. Report (1996)*
- Population in Secondary Market (50-100 miles) over 9 million – *Land & Leisure, Inc. Report (1996)*
- Population in Tertiary Market (100-150 miles) over 15 million – *Land & Leisure, Inc. Report (1996)*
- Market Drawing Area consists of approx. 24 million within a 150 mile radius – *PKF Consulting Study (2000)*
- Sussex County population in 2000 was 156,638. Projection for 2010 is 194,615. *(U.S. Census Bureau via Sussex County Council – 5/05)*
- Sussex County population estimate for 2005 has increased by 12.2% since 2000 (vs. 7% in the entire State of Delaware); estimate is 175,760. *(Delaware Population Consortium via Sussex County Council – 5/05)*
- Seasonal population is projected to increase as much as 18%. *(Sussex County Convention and Tourism Commission via Sussex County Council – 5/05)*

COUNTY POPULATIONS

	1970	1980	1990	2000
Delaware	548,104	594,338	666,168	783,600
Sussex Co.	80,356	98,004	113,229	156,638
Bethany Beach	189	330	326	903
Bridgeville	1,317	1,238	1,210	1,436
Delmar	943	948	962	1,407
Dewey Beach	n/a	n/a	204	301
Georgetown	1,844	1,710	3,732	4,643
Laurel	2,408	3,052	3,226	3,668
Lewes	2,563	2,197	2,295	2,932
Milford	5,314	5,366	6,040	6,732
Milton	1,490	1,359	1,417	1,657
Millsboro	1,073	1,233	1,643	2,360
Rehoboth	1,614	1,730	1,234	1,495
Seaford	5,537	5,256	5,689	6,699
Selbyville	1,099	1,251	1,335	1,645

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

	2010	2015	2020	2025
Delaware	888,230	932,870	972,407	1,005,001
Sussex Co.	194,615	212,880	229,441	243,392

Population - Dewey Beach Information

- Dewey Beach, DE population is 301:

11.6%	25-34 years
11.6%	35-44 years
16.3%	45-54 years
9.6%	55-59 years
8.6%	60-64 years
14.3%	65-74 years

(U.S. Census 2000)

- Dewey Beach Total Households: 161; Average Household Size – 1.87; Total Housing/Residential Units – 1,369

  (U.S. Census 2000)

- Dewey Beach Year Round Population is 311 *(8/18/08)*

Population - Rehoboth Beach Information

- Rehoboth Beach, DE population is 1,495:

7.9%	25-34 years
10.6%	35-44 years
18.0%	45-54 years
8.1%	55-59 years
7.2%	60-64 years
16.2%	65-74 years
16.1%	75-84 years

(U.S. Census 2000)

- Rehoboth Beach Total Households: 847; Average Household Size – 1.71; Total Housing/Residential Units – 3,167

  (U.S. Census 2000)

Population – Statewide

Population – Statewide - Delaware CEDS Committee Notebook – 2006

- Delaware's population as of July 1, 2005, is 840,368, which is an increase of 53,927 since 2000. In the previous five-year period (1995-2000), the population increased by 56,707. Delaware is expected to have a population of 1,031,087 by 2030.

- The population is currently growing by 1.3% per year, compared to 1.5% per year in the period 1995-2000. The long-term annual growth rate since 1790 is 1.2% per year. The U.S. is growing at an annual rate of 1%, and the states in the region (MD, NJ, and PA) are growing 0.6% annually.

- Two sources contribute to population growth-natural increase and net migration. Natural increase is the number of births in the state less the number of deaths. Net migration is the number of people who move into the state each year less those that leave the state. Currently, 65% of all population growth in Delaware is from net migration.

- Delaware is becoming more diverse, both racially and ethnically. In 1950, the state was 86% white. By 2000 that had fallen to 75% and is expected to fall to 59% by 2030. The state has a rapidly increasing Hispanic population. It has grown from 15,000 in 1990 to more than 43,000 today.

- The population of the U.S. is aging, and Delaware is no exception. In 1970, the 0-19 age group represented 39.5% of the state's population and those 65 and over comprised 8% of the population. By 2000 the youngest age group had grown by roughly 2,000. In contrast, the 65-and-over age group grew by 58,000. The percentages are now 28% and 13% for the 0-19 age group and the 65+ age group, respectively. By 2030, the two groups will be roughly the same size.

- As the population ages, the natural increase component of population growth falls, as deaths increase faster than births. Population growth becomes increasingly dependent on net migration, and by 2030 87% of population growth will have to come from net migration if current forecasts are to be realized. In addition, average household size will continue to fall.

Table 1: Annual Estimates of the Population for Counties of Delaware: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2004							
Geographic Area	Population estimates					April 1, 2000	
	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	July 1, 2000	Estimates base	Census
Delaware	**830,364**	**818,166**	**806,105**	**795,633**	**786,441**	**783,600**	**783,600**
Kent County	138,752	134,596	131,630	129,086	127,102	126,697	126,697
New Castle County	519,396	515,149	510,240	506,039	501,866	500,265	500,265
Sussex County	172,216	168,421	164,235	160,508	157,473	156,638	156,638

Note: The April 1, 2000 Population Estimates base reflects changes to the Census 2000 population from the Count Question Resolution program and geographic program revisions. Dash (-) represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable

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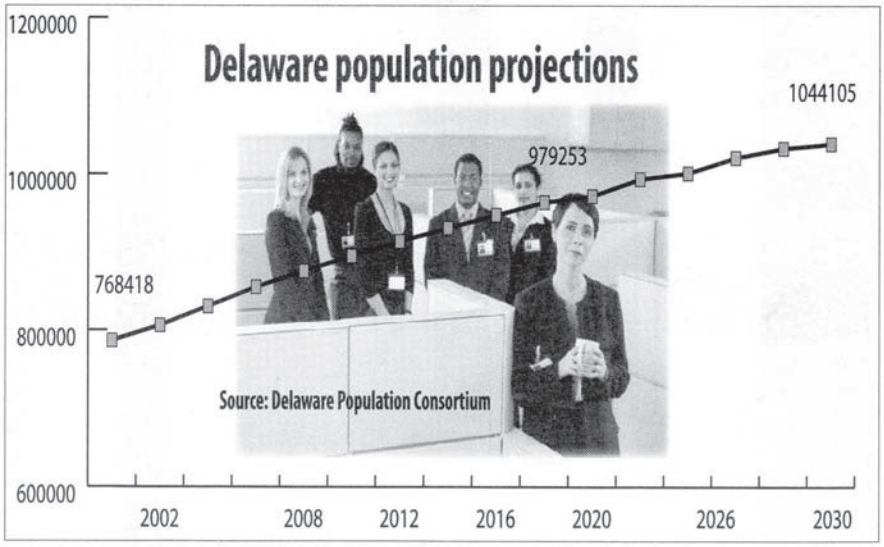
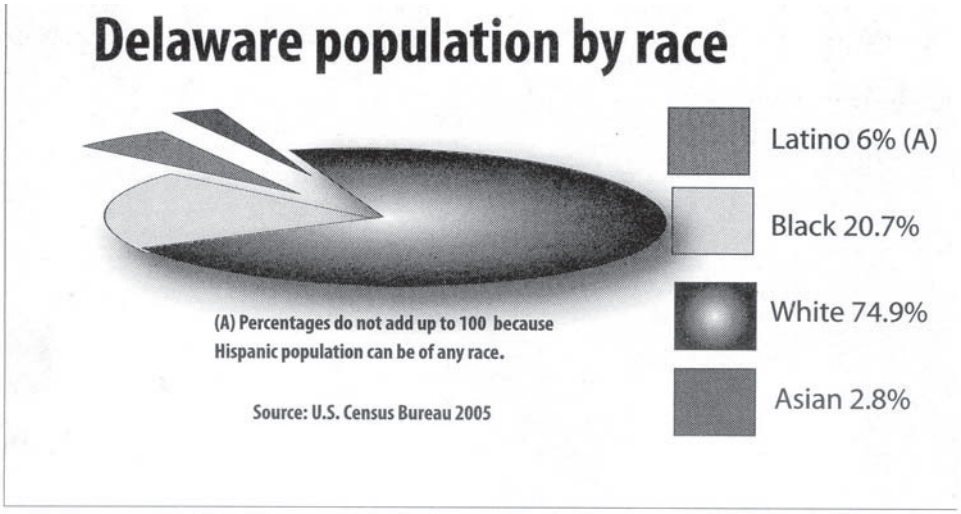
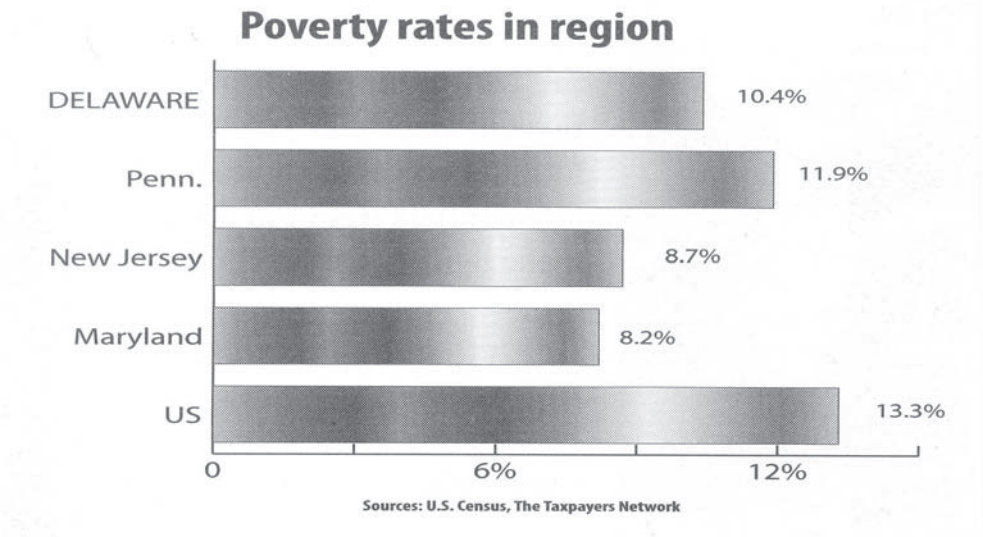
Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau
Release Date: April 14, 2005

Delaware Population Projections



Source: Delaware Business Ledger, July 2007


Delaware population by race
Latino 6% (A)
Black 20.7%
White 74.9%
Asian 2.8%
(A) Percentages do not add up to 100 because Hispanic population can be of any race.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2005


Poverty rates in region
DELAWARE
10.4%
Penn.
11.9%
New Jersey
8.7%
Maryland
8.2%
US
13.3%
0
6%
12%
Sources: U.S. Census, The Taxpayers Network

(as of 3/26/08)

U.S. Census Bureau
American FactFinder

FACT SHEET

Sussex County, Delaware

View a Fact Sheet for a **race, ethnic, or ancestry group**

Census 2000 Demographic Profile Highlights:

General Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Total population	156,638			map	brief
Male	76,528	48.9	49.1%	map	brief
Female	80,110	51.1	50.9%	map	brief
Median age (years)	41.1	(X)	35.3	map	brief
Under 5 years	9,009	5.8	6.8%	map	
18 years and over	121,333	77.5	74.3%		
65 years and over	29,022	18.5	12.4%	map	brief
One race	154,519	98.6	97.6%		
White	125,857	80.3	75.1%	map	brief
Black or African American	23,319	14.9	12.3%	map	brief
American Indian and Alaska Native	946	0.6	0.9%	map	brief
Asian	1,172	0.7	3.6%	map	brief
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	68	0.0	0.1%	map	brief
Some other race	3,157	2.0	5.5%	map	
Two or more races	2,119	1.4	2.4%	map	brief
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6,915	4.4	12.5%	map	brief
Household population	153,199	97.8	97.2%	map	brief
Group quarters population	3,439	2.2	2.8%	map	
Average household size	2.45	(X)	2.59	map	brief
Average family size	2.88	(X)	3.14	map	
Total housing units	93,070			map	
Occupied housing units	62,577	67.2	91.0%		brief
Owner-occupied housing units	50,484	80.7	66.2%	map	
Renter-occupied housing units	12,093	19.3	33.8%	map	brief
Vacant housing units	30,493	32.8	9.0%	map	

Social Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
Population 25 years and over	110,599				
High school graduate or higher	84,620	76.5	80.4%	map	brief
Bachelor's degree or higher	18,374	16.6	24.4%	map	
Civilian veterans (civilian population 18 years and over)	20,807	17.2	12.7%	map	brief
Disability status (population 5 years and over)	32,409	22.4	19.3%	map	brief
Foreign born	7,007	4.5	11.1%	map	brief
Male, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	38,665	62.8	56.7%		brief
Female, Now married, except separated (population 15 years and over)	36,673	55.8	52.1%		brief
Speak a language other than English at home (population 5 years and over)	10,467	7.1	17.9%	map	brief

Economic Characteristics - show more >>	Number	Percent	U.S.		
In labor force (population 16 years and over)	73,325	58.5	63.9%		brief
Mean travel time to work in minutes (workers 16 years and over)	24.0	(X)	25.5	map	brief
Median household income in 1999 (dollars)	39,208	(X)	41,994	map	
Median family income in 1999 (dollars)	45,203	(X)	50,046	map	
Per capita income in 1999 (dollars)	20,328	(X)	21,587	map	
Families below poverty level	3,403	7.7	9.2%	map	brief
Individuals below poverty level	16,108	10.5	12.4%	map	
Single-family owner-occupied homes	33,908				brief
Median value (dollars)	122,400	(X)	119,600	map	brief
Median of selected monthly owner costs	(X)	(X)			brief
With a mortgage (dollars)	914	(X)	1,088	map	
Not mortgaged (dollars)	239	(X)	295		

(X) Not applicable.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3)

Census Quick Facts

Quick Facts	Delaware	United States
Population change, 2000 to 2006	8.9%	6.4%
Persons under age 5, 2006	6.6%	6.8%
Persons under 18, 2006	23.8%	24.6%
Persons 65 and over, 2006	13.4%	12.4%
Female persons, 2006	51.5%	50.7%
White persons, 2006	74.5%	80.1%
Black persons, 2006	20.9%	12.8%
Native American, 2006	0.4%	1.0%
Asian persons, 2006	2.8%	4.4%
Persons of 2 or more races, 2006	1.4%	1.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin,2006	6.3%	14.8%
White persons, not Hispanic, 2006	69.0%	66.4%
Living in same house, 1995 and 2000, % 5 years+	56%	54.1%
Foreign born, percent 2000	5.7%	11.1%
Language other than English spoken at home, age 5+, year 2000	9.5%	17.9%
High school graduates over age 25, 2000	82.6%	80.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher, persons 25+, 2000	25%	24.4%
Disability, age 5+, 2000	131,794	49,746,248
Mean travel time to work, minutes, year 2000	24.0	25.5
Persons per household 2000	2.54	2.59
Source: U.S. Census Bureau		

Sussex County Delaware – Demographics

As of the census of 2000, there were 156,638 people, 62,577 households, and 43,866 families residing in the county. The population density was 167 people per square mile (64/km²). There were 93,070 housing units at an average density of 99 per square mile (38/km²). The racial makeup of the county was 80.35% White, 14.89% Black or African American, 0.60% Native American, 0.75% Asian, 0.04% Pacific Islander, 2.02% from other races, and 1.35% from two or more races. 4.41% of the population were Hispanic or Latino of any race. 14.9% were of English, 14.3% United States or American, 12.9% Irish, 12.5% German and 5.6% Italian ancestry according to Census 2000. 93.3% spoke English and 4.3% Spanish as their first language.

There were 62,577 households out of which 27.10% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 54.90% were married couples living together, 11.30% had a female householder with no husband present, and 29.90% were non-families. 24.30% of all households were made up of individuals and 11.10% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.45 and the average family size was 2.88.

In the county the population was spread out with 22.50% under the age of 18, 7.00% from 18 to 24, 26.30% from 25 to 44, 25.60% from 45 to 64, and 18.50% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 41 years. For every 100 females there were 95.50 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 92.80 males.

The median income for a household in the county was $39,208, and the median income for a family was $45,203. Males had a median income of $30,811 versus $23,625 for females. The per capita income for the county was $20,328. About 7.70% of families and 10.50% of the population were below the poverty line, including 15.00% of those under age 18 and 8.40% of those age 65 or over.

Source: Wikipedia.org

Sussex County – People Quick Facts

People Quick Facts	Sussex County	Delaware
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2006	6.1%	6.6%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2006	21.2%	23.8%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2006	19.6%	13.4%
Female persons, percent, 2006	51.1%	51.5%
White persons, percent, 2006 (a)	83.7%	74.5%
Black persons, percent, 2006 (a)	13.8%	20.9%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2006 (b)	6.1%	6.3%

Source: www.census.gov

Sussex County "In-Migration"

More people are moving to Sussex County than are being born here. According to population statistics, the majority of new residents in Sussex County in 2006 – 88% - were the result of "net in-migration" or people moving into the County from elsewhere versus those moving out. The balance was from a natural increase (difference between births and deaths). In Kent County, 76% of the County's population increased in 2006 was from net in-migration. In New Castle County, net in-migration made up just 28% of the total population increase there.

Source: Sussex County Today & Tomorrow Conference, 2007

U.S. Population

The following data is from the U.S. Census Bureau and can be found at *census.gov*.

U.S. Population, 2006 estimate	299,398,484
Population, % change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006	6.4%
Persons under 18 years old, %, 2005	24.8%
Persons 65 years old and over, %, 2005	12.4%
Female persons, %, 2005	50.7%
White persons, %, 2005 (a)	80.2%
Black persons, %, 2005 (a)	12.8%
American Indian and Alaska Native persons, %, 2005 (b)	1.0%
Asian persons, %, 2005 (a)	4.3%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, %, 2005 (b)	14.4%
White persons, not Hispanic, %, 2005	66.9%
Foreign born persons, %, 2000	11.1%
Language other than English spoken at home, % age 5+, 2000	17.9%
High school graduates, % of persons age 25+, 2000	80.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher, % of persons age 25+, 2000	24.4%

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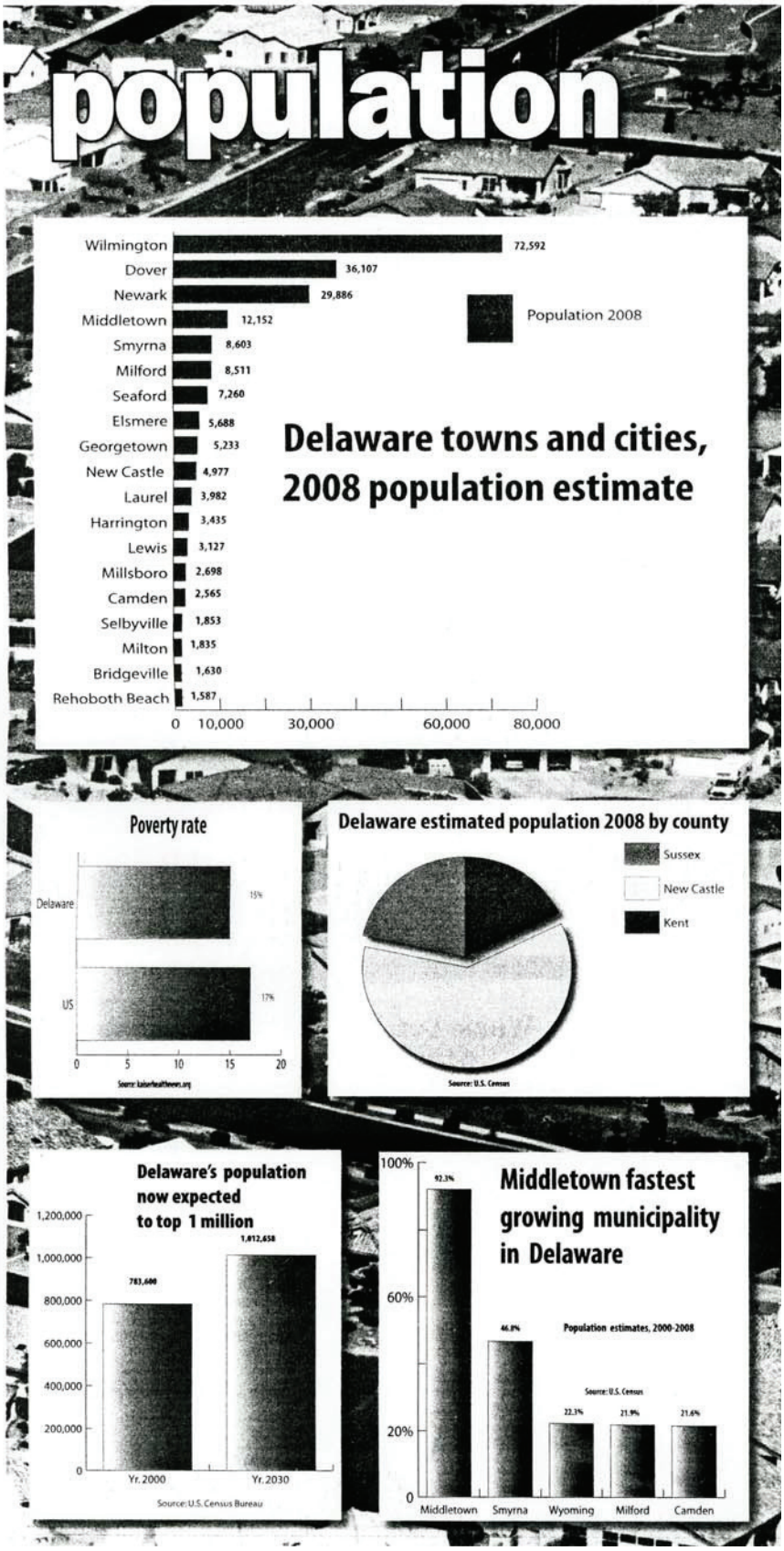

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